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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection  
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Fred Aguiar, Secretary for State and Consumer Services  
A.G. Kawamura, Secretary for Food & Agriculture  
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SUBJECT: THE GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC  
LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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In keeping with Governor Schwarzenegger's vision of creating a state where business thrives alongside forward-thinking environmental practices, we are pleased to announce that the application for the 2009 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards (GEELA) is now posted. We encourage you to apply or to bring this information to the attention of your local constituents and stakeholders and urge them to apply.

In step with the mission of this award program, the application process will be transitioning partly to electronic submission this year for the first time. Instead of submitting five paper copies, applicants are asked to submit the application and supporting documents electronically with only one paper copy and one compact disc mailed and received no later than Monday, June 1, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

The GEELA is California's most prestigious environmental honor, given only to Californians who exemplify exceptional leadership for protecting and enhancing the environment while at the same time promoting economic growth.

Award recipients will be chosen in 10 different categories based on their strength in eight specific areas including results, transferability, environmental impact, resource conservation, economic progress, innovation and uniqueness, pollution prevention and environmental justice.

The GEELA program was established in 1993 and is administered by the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Natural Resources Agency in collaboration with the State and Consumer Services Agency, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

For award information, please visit <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Awards/GEELA/AppInfo.htm>. Thank you for your commitment to environmental leadership. We look forward to reviewing applications and announcing the winners in December.